

SUNDAY MORNING.

WICHITA, KANSAS: MAY 31, 1903.

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## KANSAS AT COURT

Frank Ford of Sterling Plays for Royalty

IN AUSTRIAN EMPIRE

Her Royal Highness Makes Him K. u. K. Musikmeister

Sterling, Kan., May 30.—Frank Ford, who formerly lived here with his grandfather, Joseph Ford, has gained fame in the old world as a musician. Here is a dispatch which tells part of the story:

Vienna, April 25.—As intimated last week, Frank E. Ford played again for her royal highness, Princess Metternich, Wednesday, April 22, but this time also in the presence of her husband, the prince, and their son, the young prince. After the performance her royal highness said she begged to inform Mr. Ford that she would engage him as her private musician with the title "K. u. K. Musikmeister" (Royal and Imperial Music Master). Further information imparted was that he was to dine at the royal table and drive with them in the royal carriage. Mr. Ford expects to accompany her royal highness and family to their castle in the country for the summer.

## ROUGH COURSE OF LOVE.

Girl Asks That Lover Be Restrained From Harming Her.

Fort Scott, Kan., May 30.—Miss Pearl Covert, the daughter of a farmer who resides down below Coffey, charges that Jack Morton, a young man of this city, and the son of the old water hauler, Morton, threatens to kill her if she does not accede to his wishes and marry him. She renounces his affections for her and says she will have nothing to do with him. Being in dread that he will kill her, Mr. Covert came to town last evening and swore out a warrant asking that Morton be arrested and placed under a peace bond. The warrant was issued by Judge Smith and Morton will be arrested as soon as he is found.

A peace bond will not only be asked to protect the girl, but several others, and it is hard to give. Miss Covert is a young lady highly respected in her community, and is 19 years of age. She has known him some time ago, and he immediately became infatuated with her. She did not encourage his attentions to her, but notwithstanding he is still persistent and makes trips to her home. He has been ordered away from the place on numerous occasions by the father and also by the girl, and this has moved Morton to desperation. The father charges that the young man threatens that if the girl does not marry him he will "get even with her," and boasts that he carries a gun. It is further charged that he threatens to kill her if she marries another man. Miss Covert is afraid to go out anywhere for fear she will meet the renounced lover who she now fears will do her harm.

Morton, it is said, has been working in the neighborhood of the girl's home, where he had occasion to meet her some time ago. Although he has no claim whatever on the girl, he is intensely jealous, and she and her parents fear he will do something.

## ROOT APPEALED TO.

Asked to Stop Baseball Game on Decoration Day.

McPherson, Kan., May 30.—Thursday night a telegram was sent by A. W. Smith, department commander of the G. A. R., to Secretary of War Root, requesting the decoration of Memorial day at Fort Riley by holding ball games and races as had been planned. A resolution was passed at the G. A. R. reunion at McPherson, asking that as be done, and this resolution was mailed to Secretary Root some time ago, but Mr. Smith has received no reply.

It was intended by those in charge of the amusements to hold horse races, ball games and similar sports on the United States military reservation. An excursion was to have been run up from Kansas City and Topeka, but owing to washouts in the track between Topeka and the fort, the excursion was postponed. Mr. Smith probably is in very poor condition on account of the recent heavy rains and it will not make much difference whether the program is given or not.

## THIRTY PLACES RUINED.

Details of Storm at Eureka, in Greenwood County.

Eureka, Kan., May 30.—The Herald gives the following list of those damaged by the recent storm:

About thirty residence properties of Eureka were damaged, eight houses being entirely demolished. In the country, in the track of the storm, about seventeen farmers met with serious losses, several being badly swept away. Dozens of barns in the country districts and within the city limits were wrecked. No lives were lost, but there is a long list of injured, and some of the unfortunate victims of the storm are in a critical condition.

Mrs. Mary Owen, of Eureka, sustained broken bones, her limbs were scarred and bruised, one foot was cut down her back was badly sprained. Her husband was entirely destroyed. The four children escaped with but slight injuries.

Mrs. S. V. German, a widow woman, was seriously injured and is in a critical condition. She was found unconscious, lying in a hole of mud and water about thirty yards from her home. Her daughter, Miss Esley Fry, was carried over 100 feet by the storm and, although her injuries are very painful, is rapidly recovering. Of the German home, scarcely a vestige was left.

Christian Gulickson, a shoemaker, was found in bed buried under a pile of bricks from a fallen chimney. He was conscious and, although his injuries were among the most painful of any of the victims, is able to hobble about and it is thought no permanent disabilities will result. His house is almost a total wreck.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Sample, living just beyond the limits of the town to the northeast, were buried among the ruins of their house and both are badly hurt about the head and body and are in a very serious condition. Mr. Sample is a

farmer and the son of Josiah Sample.

The home of F. M. Ray, the Santa Fe section foreman, was swept away, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray were both injured. Mrs. Ray quite painfully.

J. H. Snyder, who with his wife and five little children, lived on the farm of Josiah Sample, adjoining town, was in the track of the storm, but succeeded in escaping from the ruins of his home and, with his entire family, reached a neighbor's house, where they found protection. One of the children was buried under a mass of debris where, guided by the sound of indistinct cries, Mr. Snyder found and rescued her. Mr. Snyder was badly mangled and bruised about the feet and limbs and is only able to walk with the aid of crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wolf and three children, who lived in a two-story frame building on the extreme east of town, went down with their house and all miraculously escaped with their lives, although the father and oldest daughter, Miss Little Wolf, sustained painful injuries and Mrs. Wolf was very seriously hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Massey who reside on their farm eight miles southwest of Eureka, had their house swept away by the cyclone and both Mr. and Mrs. Massey were very seriously hurt. Their possessions were entirely destroyed.

The people of Eureka have responded liberally to the call of this committee for funds and up to the time of going to press \$1240 have been raised. It will not be possible to make good the loss that has been sustained but funds sufficient to alleviate all suffering, are assured. Some are left destitute and others while injured, are still in comfortable circumstances. The first duty of the committee will be to relieve the distressed. The money raised cannot be poured around among the unfortunate, but must be used wherever and in whatever way it is most needed.

## BIG SEVENTH DISTRICT

Short-Grass League of Red-Heads Written Up.

The St. Louis Republic says: Victor Murdock of Wichita, Republican, was elected to congress in the Seventh Kansas district Tuesday by an overwhelming plurality over C. F. Clyde, Democrat, and Judge W. C. Babb, Populist.

The election was to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Chester L. Long, who was elected to the United States senate.

The issue which Murdock forced to the front in his campaign was one not mentioned in any state or national platform ever written—that of red hair.

His fight for election was carried on by an organization which has been dubbed "The Short-Grass League of Red-Heads."

Two months ago, when Congressman Long was transferred to the senate, twenty men announced themselves as candidates to succeed him. Two of them—State Senator Fred Dumont Smith and Victor Murdock—had red hair.

Victor Murdock was attending the legislature for the Wichita Eagle, of which he was managing editor, and a warm friendship existed between him and Smith, who was geographically the strongest candidate in the race for congress. The field, with the exception of Murdock, was fighting Smith.

One night, in a jocular mood, Murdock said:

"Smith, do you know that the red-headed men of this country have never been fairly treated? Notwithstanding the fact that ten out of every hundred Americans have red hair, we have never had a red-headed president since the time of Thomas Jefferson. We must organize."

And they did organize. Next day Smith announced in the lobby of the principal hotel at Topeka that the next congressmen from the Seventh district must have red hair. The political experts exploited the idea, and the red-haired men of the Seventh district, regardless of politics or prejudices, took the matter semi-seriously and became enthusiastic over it.

As the campaign progressed Murdock's chance became bright. Every red-headed Republican in the district worked strenuously to be made a delegate, and when the convention met at Great Bend on April 3 a good 60 per cent of its members had red hair, and one of the most remarkable things in the history of Kansas politics occurred. Murdock was nominated on the first ballot against nineteen other candidates.

Fred Dumont Smith withdrew from the race and threw his support to Murdock and a stampede followed the like of which had never been seen in the senate.

To show his recognition of the men who he felt had brought about his nomination, Mr. Murdock's first act was the designation of Judge Thomas C. Wilson of Sedgewick county—a red-headed man—to be his campaign manager and committee chairman. He also appointed a red-haired stenographer at campaign headquarters.

Chairman Wilson at once set to work to recognize red-haired local workers in every precinct. Fred Doli, son of the Buffalo, N. Y., pecker, a red-haired Democrat, was the first to contribute to the campaign fund, sending his check for \$10.

Young Murdock—he is now only 25—came from a stock famous in Kansas. His father was a printer on the Herald of Freedom when Quantrell made the raid on Lawrence that ended in the historic massacre. Quantrell's gang chased him to a well, where he caught hold of the rope and slid down. Several shots were fired into the well at him, but none hit him.

Victor Murdock's mother, who is a niece of one of the early governors of Maryland, was a very handsome young woman, and when the war broke out she rode on horseback over Douglas county, personally inciting the patriotism of young men to a defense of the Kansas border. She was then but 17 years old. Only three men in her county—the postmaster, a preacher and a cripple—failed to enlist for service in defense of Kansas. The new congressman was on the platform in the convention hall when Jerry Simpson was first nominated for congress, and it was he who conceived the notion of Simpson's antipathy to seceders. He printed a story about it in his father's paper next morning—a story that caused Jerry to be dubbed "The Seceder's Enemy of Kansas." It was he, also, who conceived the idea of a government lottery for the disposition of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indians in Oklahoma to white settlement. His plan was adopted by the government.

Murdock was invited to a reception given by President Diaz in Mexico two years ago, and not until he was last in the presence of the dictator did he realize that he had forgotten his collar.

## CREEKS SACRED RELIC

Keeping of the To-ka-par-chee Tripe One

BRASS PLATES OTHER

Handed to Medicine Men Out of Clouds

Okmulgee, I. T., May 30.—The two most sacred relics of the Creek Indians in the Indian Territory are in the keeping of the To-ka-par-chee tribe, and Charles Gibson, a citizen of the tribe, thus describes them: "One of them reaches back to the time of George H. of England. The relic has been handed down to the present time. The ruling clan of the To-ka-par-chee was honored with being the custodian of this relic. It is said to be the treaty between the Creeks and Great Britain; it is on genuine sheepskin, and was wrapped up in six layers of dressed deer skin, unsmoked. A long time before the rebellion, the noted chief, Hopatchi, married a To-ka-par-chee woman. When the custodian of this relic was dying, it was his will to confer this honor on a safe man of his clan, to take charge of the relic and to keep it a lifetime, turning it over to some one like the first one did. About the close of the civil war this noted old chief died, and conferred the honors on Capt. John Goodfellow. This man also became very ill after a long time, and he consulted some of the old men of his clan and they decided on a man, and the relic was delivered to him. Today the Indians look upon this relic as next to brass or copper plates To-ka-par-chee own. These plates are hard to describe, as they are kept in a very sacred vault where none is allowed to enter except the medicine men or some old chief. The history of these plates is as follows:

"One old medicine man, who had been noted for being the greatest among the Creeks, before dying told some of the other medicine men that so many days after the day of his death, if they would meet him on the highest mountain peak—naming the mountain—he would bring them something very sacred and it would strengthen their medicine and add to their happiness. The medicine men then appointed a day and waited. When the stick was thrown away, each vended his way to the top of the mountain. They waited long and well. When the sun became low in the west a great snake came from the west and darkened the country around about the mountain. The medicine men were frightened, but stood their ground. Then came claps of thunder and flashes of lightning that almost blinded the old men. Then a dark cloud appeared out of the dark cloud of a bundle, which was handed to the old men. The hands holding the bundle were all that could be seen, and resembled the hands of the old medicine man who had died."

"As soon as the package containing the plates were delivered the cloud moved away and there was a clear sky. The old men took their charge back to their square house and hid it until the time of their annual celebration or green corn dance, when the plates were introduced into their festivities. That was some 1000 years ago, and they are still in possession of the town of the Creeks. The custodians of these plates are what are called the Wild clan. There are a great many of these plates and the largest ones have characters of some kind on them. They are exhibited only on state occasions, once a year. Each one has a beautiful sound or ring, it is said, when they are used in the dance they are taken out, one to each man, and are secured very bright and placed away until the next year. It is said that in the polishing process the work hands are very cautious, as it is known that the least slip will result in a sure loss of the plate, as it is said the plates are supposed to be part of the body, as they came to the Creeks through a cloud of mist and will dart here and there if let loose in the water and will get away."

## HAIL IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

Hen Eggs Were Small in Comparison With Stones.

Admire, I. T., May 30.—Quite a storm prevailed in Admire Thursday night, during which time hail stones fell as large as hen's eggs. The rain began to fall about 5 o'clock, the cloud coming from the south. There was but little hail in it, but what there was lacking in quantity was made up in size. The hail stones were of irregular shape—some were three inches long. Many parties on Main street went out and gathered up what they termed "chunks of ice," the stones being so large.

After midnight the rain began to fall again, and the wind gained a greater velocity than it did in the first part of the night.

During the first rain last night an electric storm also prevailed. Mr. Wilson, who lives on Broadway, suffered some damage from lightning, but fortunately no one was hurt. Mr. Wilson and his family were in the hall when the lightning struck the east gable of the house, and entering went down through the floor, then came up and burst into a room where a large mirror stood and broke it into a thousand pieces.

J. J. Solfa, the tailor, who lives near door, witnessed the flash, and said it was about the size of a stovepipe. No other damage was done.

## 1,338 PLURALITY IN SUMNER.

Official Count of Sumner County Vote.

Wellington, Kan., May 30.—The county commissioners met yesterday as a board of canvassers and have made the official count of the votes cast at Tuesday's election. The net results were: Murdock, 1211; Clyde, 873; Babb, 347; Reesler, 136. This makes Murdock's plurality over Clyde 1,338 or just 600 more than Long's last fall. Murdock's majority over all is 677.

The total vote of the county on congressman last fall was 4531, and 2503 this time. This makes the vote at the special election 55.3 per cent of last fall's. The Republican vote last fall was 2,407; this time it was 1,711, or 69.5 per cent of last year's. The fusion vote last fall was 1,524, this time the combined vote of Clyde and Babb is 416 or 25.4 per cent.

Last fall the Socialist vote was 55; this time 125 or 23.1 per cent. The official vote by precincts is as follows:

	M.	C.	B.	R.
Gore, 1st precinct.....	71	15	4	1
Gore, 2nd precinct.....	17	3	2	1
Belle Plaine.....	121	44	11	1
London.....	19	19	9	0
Hillside.....	38	14	2	0
Canaway.....	91	24	11	0
Eden.....	22	2	15	0
Creek.....	30	8	4	11
Springdale.....	36	10	2	0
Sumner.....	29	13	11	1
Seventy-six.....	21	17	7	2
Harmon.....	21	19	1	1
Palestine.....	35	5	16	2
Avon.....	35	25	12	3
Wellington.....	25	14	5	1
Osborn.....	26	10	2	0
Ryan.....	58	38	1	1
Dixie.....	72	28	16	17
Morris.....	21	3	7	5
Chickasha.....	20	3	9	0
Doyns.....	21	13	2	2
Jackson.....	27	7	8	5
Greene.....	11	9	6	0
Valverde.....	27	5	4	1
Walton, 1st precinct.....	36	2	4	23
Walton, 2d precinct.....	37	7	4	1
Geoph.....	47	17	10	16
South Haven, 1st pre.....	65	42	10	16
South Haven, 2d pre.....	24	6	0	3
Falls, 1st precinct.....	21	11	4	0
Falls, 2d precinct.....	25	3	0	0
Caldwell.....	25	16	6	1
Bluff.....	19	9	6	3
Wellington, 1st pre.....	32	13	6	0
Wellington, 2d pre.....	26	6	8	0
Wellington, 3d pre.....	29	20	7	9
Wellington, 4th pre.....	32	20	2	7
Wellington, 5th pre.....	21	13	1	0
Caldwell, 1st precinct.....	46	13	1	0
Caldwell, 2d precinct.....	24	11	2	4
Caldwell, 3d precinct.....	40	12	1	1
Totals.....	1711	573	245	125

## DROWNED AT THE FORD.

Man by Name of Haun Loses Life in Harper County.

Caldwell, Kan., May 30.—A man named Haun, whose home was near Preppert, Harper county, was drowned last Saturday. Haun, with several others, had crossed Fall creek at what is known as Dial's ford with a team and wagon. While crossing some blankets and other articles had fallen out of the wagon into the creek. The party went back to get them, and the other men did not notice Haun, who was suddenly missing after they had rescued some of the things and placed them in the wagon. Search was made for him, continuing next day, when his body was found in about six feet of water. Where he went down the water was ten or twelve feet deep. Haun was a single man and about 30 years of age.

## AN OKLAHOMA FIEND.

Man Attempted to Rape His Step-Daughter at Lexington.

Guthrie, O. T., May 30.—From Lexington parties on Wednesday we learned of a double crime which is undoubtedly the worst ever perpetrated in Cleveland county, says the Norman Democrat. The dare devil who is undoubtedly guilty is Charles Gifford of Enson, Cleveland county, who married Mrs. John B. Green about a month ago.

On last Sunday night Gifford attempted to ravish his 14-year-old stepdaughter, Miss Green, in an adjoining room to the one occupied by Mrs. Gifford, mother of the girl.

The mother and daughter, after a desperate struggle, succeeded in preventing him from committing the heinous deed. The next morning, not being satisfied with his night's experience, he poisoned the girl, Dr. Bladlee, a neighboring doctor, and Dr. Johnson of Lexington were summoned to give medical assistance. They were accompanied by Amos Hines, a constable. When the parties came near Gifford's house the men were met by Gifford, who warned them away and began shooting. About twenty shots were fired when the doctors and officer retired to get assistance. When they returned Gifford had escaped and a diligent search failed to find him.

A deputy sheriff guarded the house on Monday night as it was thought that perhaps the demon would return and kill the entire family. Should he be captured in the neighborhood it is likely that judge Lynch will deal out justice in a summary manner.

## WAS OKLAHOMA PIONEER.

Abie Cole of Shawnee Is Dead—Leaves Wife and Two Daughters.

Shawnee, O. T., May 30.—Death has again entered Shawnee and taken from her citizenship Mr. Abie Cole, who passed "Over the River" about 5 o'clock this forenoon, after an illness of many months, says the Shawnee News.

The deceased was one of the pioneers of Oklahoma and lived to see Shawnee grow from a village in 1895 to a splendid young city of 15,000 inhabitants in 1901. He had been in failing health for about two years, and several months ago became afflicted with dropsy, which, with his general debility, combined to cause death to come to his relief. He left a de-

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THE GREATEST OF ALL TONICS.

A Spring Medicine that adds vigor and strength to the system, purifies and enriches the Blood, and lays the foundation for a strong constitution and good health during the hot sultry summer.

Most everybody feels bad in the spring. Some have no particular ailment but are just tired, worn out and totally unfit for work or anything else that requires energy or effort. They mope around upon the border-land of invalidism, irritable, peevish, hysterical and unreasonable.

A good appetite in the spring is a rarity, and we sicken at the sight of food, or thought of eating, and what little we do eat is a burden to the stomach and a tax upon the digestion. Warm weather is sure to bring out the hidden poisons, germs and seeds of disease that

have been collecting in the blood and system during winter, and you may look for some old chronic trouble to make its appearance. It is a time, too, when boils and carbuncles, and pustular or scaly skin eruptions like eczema and tetter, pay their annual visits and make life miserable by their intense pains and intolerable itching and burning.

The fight for health should begin before any warning symptoms of physical collapse are felt, or before the seeds of disease have time to germinate if we would avoid the usual spring sickness; and with S. S. S., the acknowledged king of blood purifiers and greatest of all tonics, you can put your blood and system in such perfect condition and so strengthen the constitution that one may be as free from sickness and as vigorous and strong during the trying months of spring and depressing summer season as at any other time.

S. S. S. not only builds you up, but searches out and destroys any poisonous germs or impurities that may be lurking in the blood. The benefits derived from the use of S. S. S. are permanent because it acts directly on the blood and purifies and cleanses it of all impure matter, leaving nothing to cause fermentation and deterioration of this life-giving fluid.

In selecting your blood purifier and spring tonic get one that long experience and thorough test have proven the best. In S. S. S. you will find a remedy whose purifying properties are unquestionable, and just such a tonic as your system needs. Ask your druggist for S. S. S.—there is nothing else just as good.

For the past 40 years we have had a standing offer of \$1,000 for proof that S. S. S. contains the least particle of any mineral whatever, and this offer is still open.

## SSS NATURE'S REMEDY PURELY VEGETABLE

operation of death? Why not study it, get near to it with an inquisitive mind, rather than dread and fight it constantly, for we must at some time "go to that undiscovered country from whose hours no traveler returns."

Parents owe a duty to themselves, and certainly to their children, in teaching them that they should not enter other people's premises and take flowers. It is a species of wrong doing, and people who cultivate flowers have the only right to say when their flowers shall be picked and who shall have them.

If I was a young lady there is not a young man living, no matter how fine a trip he drove or what were his prospects, I would not go riding with him if he did not have respect enough for me not to smoke while driving.

Why is it that when death comes into our homes the habiliments of crepe are at once brought out and everything is enveloped with it, when we are taught and are teaching constantly that death is the beginning of life, that it is a transition from the mortal to immortality. If that be true why does the minister and the layman in their prayers universally emphasize their thankfulness over the fact that they are still alive, but rather when your loved one is taken then open the shutters, roll up the curtain, bring in the flowers, let the friends come in and tell you some sweet remembrance of the past, of some happy event or happy hour spent with the one who has made this change. I am very sure I would much rather make this change from one life into the other with my loved ones around me singing a sweet song, a lullaby, instead of expressions of grief. I heard a minister say at a funeral service that he not only bled but wept death. And yet how are we to reach or gain this other life, which he so beautifully word-painted in his further remarks, save through the

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belonging to the street car company and ditch it.

And now girls it has come time to sit on the front porch and front steps. It looks very nice to see our pretty girls, for they are all pretty, in a nice shirt waist, hair mussed, posing, provided it is a graceful and easy one. Don't sprawl or sit with your elbows on your knees. If you fall of a graceful position you have failed to accomplish that for which you are trying.

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